

Juvenile Fees & Fines: Funding Impacts of S.B. 120



How to eliminate fees and fines that harm young people without affecting critical programs

- ✗ **Fees & fines are discriminatory**, disproportionately affecting youth of color, particularly Black and Native American youth in Utah.
- ✗ **Fees & fines hurt families**, weakening relationships and causing tension between young people and their families.
- ✗ **Fees & fines are ineffective**, increasing the likelihood of future system contact.

What is the RESTA Fund?

The fund pays restitution to victims after a young person performs community service hours ordered by the court. RESTA is partially funded by juvenile fines.

What is the NJ Fund?

Nonjudicial (NJ) adjustments allow some young people to be diverted from the formal court process. NJ fines support the NJ Fund, which pays for diversion programs and subsidizes restitution work programs.

How can we preserve the RESTA and NJ Funds?

The RESTA and NJ Funds **need a stable source of funding** to replace the money currently paid by young people and their families.

For the RESTA Fund, stable funding will ensure that victims receive restitution and work programs remain sustainable. Now, the RESTA Fund fluctuates with the amount of court-ordered fines.

For the NJ Fund, stable funding will allow critical treatment and programming to continue, ultimately keeping young people out of the court system.

